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A REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

will be held in

NOROMBEA HALL, Bangor,

Thursday, April 26, 1888, at 11 o'clock a. m.

For the purpose of selecting two candidates for Members of President and Vice President of the United States, and four delegates at large, and four alternates to attend the National Convention, to be held at Chicago, Illinois on Tuesday, June 19th, 1888, and transacting any other business that may properly come before it.

It is the basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town and plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each seventy-five votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1884, an additional delegate, and for a fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five votes, an additional delegate.

The State Committee will be in session in the afternoon of the day of the convention, for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates.

All delegates of Maine, without regard to past political differences, who are in sympathy with the sentiments expressed in the call of the Republican National Committee for the Republican State Convention, are cordially invited to unite with the Republicans of the State in selecting delegates to this Convention.

Per order Republican State Committee.

JOSEPH H. MANLEY, Chairman.

WILLIS H. WING, Secretary.

AUGUSTA, Maine, February 11, 1888.

The disarrangement of the wires during the blizzard—telephone, telegraph and electric light—ought to hasten the placing of them under ground.

A crusade against the indiscriminate sale of strychnine would be to be called for. It appears to be as easy to obtain it from the country apothecaries as to get opium salts.

Colonel Edwards did not want to be nominated by the Democrats this year, but is for his friend, General Plaford. This is proper. Last year General Plaford was for his friend, Colonel Edwards.

It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. The New York blizzard was a blessing to thousands of men. It gave them a week's steady employment at a season when the opportunities for work are scarce and the need of money imperative.

Queen Victoria's grief at the death of the Emperor William is probably somewhat assuaged by the reflection that he lived to a good old age and died just in the nick of time to make her daughter Empress of Germany.

According to the Belfast Age, the Democratic State Committee, at their recent meeting, expressed themselves in favor of the State Convention declaring against prohibition. The State Convention will not dare do it all the same.

The seal fishery is not wholly a played out industry on the Atlantic coast. This year there are twelve steamers engaged in it on the northeast of Newfoundland, and even more vessels are in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Of the lack of those provincial fishermen who went to the Pacific to participate in the seal fisheries, little has been heard yet. Some of the American fishermen, however, who went to the Puget Sound fisheries have written home accounts which illustrate the truth of the saying that "far off omen have long horns." They, however, had not yet tried the haunts of the Alaska seal, where wealth is said to be had easily for the catching of it.

The artificial propagation of fish like salmon and shad is a matter upon which the State of Maine has expended considerable care and money, and the result of which is watched with lively interest by hundreds of sportsmen who live in Maine or who resort to the State for their sport. An experiment which is likely to be made at the salmon hatchery on the Penobscot, will therefore be watched with an interest quite apart from the question of science involved. Col. Allen E. Neill, who has been in charge of the hatchery since its opening, has held that this is a wasteful process, to take care of the small fry at tender age, because the fry, too small at that tender age, to be made into a valuable fish, will be lost in the hatchery house until a year old and strong and able to fight their own battles. At first the commission discouraged him, but recently there had been a change of opinion, and there is now an excellent prospect that very thorough experiments in the rearing of fish will be undertaken at the Penobscot station by the United States government.

A very interesting investigation was made in Lewiston and Auburn a week ago yesterday by a reporter of the Journal. Every person who went to church was counted, his nationality noted, and the aggregates of population compared with the aggregates of population in the city. It cannot be said that the results of this investigation are wholly pleasing, inasmuch as they show that, while seventy per cent of the French Canadian population of the city is Catholic, and sixty per cent of the Irish American attend church, the percentage of Protestants attending is only about twenty-five. And about two thirds of those who go to church are Catholics or Catholics are women. The total population of Lewiston and Auburn is about 36,000; of which 24,000 are in Lewiston and 12,000 in Auburn. In Auburn there are only about a thousand Catholics, while in Lewiston there are about 12,000, or half the entire population.

Lewiston has eleven Protestant churches, including the Sabbath school, and the Catholics have but two churches for the two cities. St. Peter's for the French Catholics and St. Joseph for the Irish Catholics. But a third church on Bates street, Irish Catholics are nearly equalled by the Protestants of the two cities attending church to the extent that the Catholics do, the sixteen Protestant churches of Lewiston and Auburn would average double their present congregations. This census, which was taken on a Sunday when the attendance was an average one, does not, it must be confessed, make a showing favorable to those Protestants who retain the good old-fashioned New England ideas about the part that should be taken by the churches in moulding our society. Lewiston, with its large foreign population, may be hardly a sample community; yet the Protestants there might on this account be expected to maintain their own form of religion with the greater care because of the aggressive activity of the adherents of another form.

Unjustifiable Conduct.

Labor organizations appear to be very much alike. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is composed of men of high intelligence, whose conduct has generally been conservative, but here it is plunging as recklessly into the strike and boycott as the Knights of Labor in their painted days.

The original strike on the Chicago, Quincy & Burlington had, it seems to us, justifiable ground. The classification of engineers which that road sought to make, was apparently unfair and unjust to the employees. We should have been glad to see the engineers win in that contest, and very likely they would have done so had it not been for the interference of the Brotherhood in the housing strike. But its members having largely supplied the places of the striking engineers on that road, it was only human nature that the latter should seek their places on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. It was the Brotherhood's own act that made it easy for the latter road to supply the places of the strikers. The Brotherhood should have accepted the result, therefore, and credited it to its own blunder.

Instead of that, it has attempted to snatch victory from impending defeat by threatening a general paralysis of all the western railroads unless the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy accedes. Its justification is that the roads connecting with this railroad are

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